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WILL NEGROES SUPPORT NEGRO CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE?

The recent city campaign served to illustrate some strange phases of the Negro's character. In the early part of the summer the Socialist party in convention unanimously endorsed a colored man for the city council. A few days before the primary ticket was made the colored people by petition, put a colored man on it for the Board of Education, as an independent candidate. One of the morning papers referred to him and his candidacy as "The Negro ticket." This caused every white Good Government and anti-Socialist voters to shy "The Negro ticket" every such voter voted against him. He got 3,000 Negro but no white votes. The colored man endorsed by the Socialist party receiving 15,000 or one-third of the total vote cast, running ahead of 7 white men on the Good Government ticket. As soon as the final campaign opened a bunch of Negroes began to heap abuse upon the successful Negro because the Socialists were honest and nominated him—mad with the colored man, because white men voted for him. They worked against and voted against him because he was a Negro. And yet these same Negroes are always yelling "prejudice, prejudice, prejudice." If Whitley had been a mulatto the cry would have been raised "that elected he would try to pass for white," but he is as black as any of the Negro hating Negroes that worked and voted against him. "The Socialists just put Whitley on there to get votes" was their

favorite cry. What are men put on tickets for anyhow, if not to get votes. Four Democrats were put on the Good Government ticket to get the Democratic vote and got it. And despite the fact that these same Negroes hate Democrats worse than the devil does holy water, they went to the polls and swallowed them like a snake would a frog. O, yes, they can vote for anybody but a member of their own race. How merciful is God to allow such Negroes to mock Him, by testifying every Sunday in some church. There are still among us, to our everlasting shame, a few Negroes, old and young, who love best the white men who kick and cuff them around. That's why the Negro receives so little consideration.

COATESVILLE AND JIM CROWISM

That there is memorable logic in what we say against the R. G. Shaw Settlement House is affirmed by the following editorial on the Coatesville atrocity in the Reading Herald, a white Pennsylvania paper, for which we are indebted to the Crisis, the organ of the N. A. A. C. P.

"There is something heathenish in the fancied superiority of the whites over the blacks. It is quite as bad in its way as the distinctions of caste in India. 'A man's a man for a' that,' whether his color be white or black. A child's a child for all that, too. Education along these lines ought to begin in our schools and on our play-

grounds. The separation of black and white in the schools tends to promote a feeling of superiority on the part of the white child. He unconsciously imbibes the notion that he is better than the children of darker hue in another schoolroom. The caste idea grows up; and from this gradually the mob spirit and the lynching fever are generated.

"More than once have we dwelt upon the peaceable situation in Reading, where whites and blacks dwell together in unity, and where many of the Negroes are of a highly intelligent and enterprising type. To separate whites and blacks here, in school or other public places, would be simply to breed discontent and a false pride, to erect a barrier and to provoke hostility.

"If there were real moral and intellectual superiority on the part of the white man; if the whites had a monopoly of virtue and intelligence; if the blacks were all degraded, villainous, dangerous, a barrier might well be drawn for the protection of the whites and the humbling of the blacks. But such an assumption is preposterous. There are many Colored people superior in many ways to recent European immigrants, and even to whites who have dwelt in this land for many years. A man's color no more proclaims his respectability than does his wealth. This truth, we believe, ought to be impressed upon children from their earliest childhood."—Reading, Pa., Herald.

An Epidemic of Rape

This Heinous Crime Has Become So Common That It is No Longer News—"Statutory Offense" is Its New Name.

GIRL VINDICATED FELONY CHARGE SUS- TAINED

Noel Wright was convicted by a jury in Department Eleven of the Superior Court yesterday of a statutory offense involving Laurette Elder, 17 years old. He will be sentenced by Judge Gesford Friday. The jury was out only ten minutes.

Miss Elder, delicate and refined looking, told her story to the jury, occasionally wiping away the tears that welled into her eyes. She said she relied on Wright's promise but later began to doubt him.

The alleged offense was committed in Whittier where Wright obtained her temporary employment. Wright, obviously nervous when the jury came in, paled when a verdict of guilty as charged was given.

DRUGGIST ACQUITTED. After deliberating over night a jury in Judge McCormick's court acquitted L. P. Knos, yesterday of a serious accusation brought against him by Marjorie Parmenter, 7 years old. Knos is a South Pasadena druggist.

The above which were set in 8 point type, is the space allotted to the account of the trial of two educated white men charged with raping white girls, ages 17 and 7 years respectively.

Suppose the fiends had been Negroes—the daily papers would have devoted column after column to each of the "brutal culprits" and the Associate Press would have given them the widest publicity. But these gentlemen are white and white rape fiends are so numerous and the crime of rape committed by them is an occurrence so common that it is no longer news hence the Associated

Press takes no notice of it when they are the perpetrators.

There are from one to three cases like the above almost weekly in the city courts. The details of many of them are so nauseating that they are unprintable. There have been more rapes committed by white men in this city during the present year than have been charged against the 10 million Negroes of this country for the same period. This city is experiencing an epidemic of rape but everything is being done to shield the culprits because they are white. In this and many other particulars the white people are deceiving only themselves.

ASSISTANT EDITOR VISITS KING'S COUNTY

Among the many pleasant experiences we had while visiting our old friend Riley Calbert who is improving a 10 acre ranch he recently purchased in the fertile valley of the Kings River were the visits we made to a few other other farms owned by colored people.

Two of them are dairies, the first was the home of Mr. Phonia.

Mr. Phonia (who is a young man) had been a successful landscape gardener in Boston, upon hearing of the wonderful possibilities of this valley he decided to come west. Upon arriving here he and his wife purchased a 20 acre ranch partly improved, now the greater part of it is planted to alfalfa with good fences and well stocked with cattle and hogs. The other ranch was the home of Mr. Shaw which consists of 30 acres and a neat cottage, like Mr. Phonia, Mr. Shaw's ranch is nearly all in alfalfa. He has a few hogs and probably a score of milk cows.

Dairying is doubtless one of the most profitable industries in this fertile valley. The creameries collect the cream once a day and pay the ranchers monthly. The milk which has been separated from the cream is fed the hog which in turn yield a handsome revenue.

Mr. Crawford and Mr. Bronson are making a success of vegetable gardening. Mr. Crawford is a man on the Roosevelt order besides his fertile 20 acres and his stock and hogs he is the proud possessor of seven healthy, happy children. Mr. Crawford purchased his ranch four years ago at sixty dollars per acre. He has been offered \$150 per acre for it, since but he says, "I will never sell the goose that lays the golden eggs. Mr. Bronson's 10 acres are well supplied with chickens and live stock and has the reputation of producing more than any other 10 acres in the neighborhood.

Mr. Welcher of Hanford has purchased 12 acres of land near that city.

Mr. Frank Jones, a one time restaurant owner of Los Angeles, is busy helping Mr. Ben Collier improve his 10 acre ranch.

Mr. J. H. Stevens of Los Angeles is expected to locate on his 10 acre ranch in February.

Mr. and Mrs. Welcher will entertain many friends during the Christmas holidays. Miss El Nora Crawford will be the guest of his daughter Florence during that time.

There will be a party at Mr. Shaw's during the holidays.

Mr. Calbert's sister, Mrs. Trent expects to leave at the first of the year.

Master Arthur Warren is spending a few days at Sawtelle with his grand-parents Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Edmonds.

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Mr. Frank, junior member of the firm, was recently re-elected member of the city school board for four years. As a member of the Board of Education, he has from time to time, secured for colored contractors a part of the work of repairs on public school buildings. This and other considerations given Negroes by Mr. Frank, gave him their almost solid support at the election.

The large colored trade that the firm enjoys is due to its policy of fair play.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Mrs. Norman White of East 33rd street, who has been seriously ill, is rapidly convalescing.

Mesdames Bertha Jackson and Ernest Russell were hosts on Thursday the 14th to a large company in honor of Mr. Russell's birthday.

The evening was pleasantly spent with progressive whist. D. O. Cunningham winning the gentlemen's first prize; Ed. Wilkinson, the gentlemen's booby prize; Miss Leona Johnson won the Ladies first prize, while Mrs. M. Lyles, the ladies' booby prize. Lotto

held the attention those who did not play whist. Mrs. Geo. Taylor, the ladies' first prize, Miss Nellie Scott, the Booby prize. Fred Scott received the gentlemen's first prize.

Mr. Russell was the recipient of many pretty and useful gifts.

The Kerniss given by the Ladies Auxilliary of St. Philips Episcopal church was held on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Y. M. C. A. and was well attended.

The Several Booths were prettily decorated and contained a large quantity of useful and pretty articles.

A splendid program was rendered each evening and the affair closed as being most successful.

The Services in all the Churches on Christmas will no doubt draw a very large number of people.

The Services in St. Philip's Church promises to be most impressive.

PASADENA

W. O. Tyler to Speak

The brilliant young attorney has been secured by the Emancipation Committee of the Afro-American Council of Pasadena to deliver the Emancipation address in that on January 1, 1912 at Scott Chapel M. E. Church and among the Vice-Presidents from Los Angeles are:—

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The Liberator extends a Merry
Christmas greeting to all of its
readers and the human family
as well.

In taking a retrospective view
of the year now drawing to a
close, we trust that the acts of
each toward his fellow-men have
been such that he can revel in the
smiles of an approving conscience.
Think of it. Somewhere in the
cycles of eternity we may meet
face to face the lives we lived this
year; the record of its pages will
be beautiful in proportion to the

efforts we have unselfishly put
forth to increase the happiness
and well being of others. The
man who, through avarice, preju-
dice or malevolence, has increased
the misfortunes of those within
his power is farther away from
God, and one year nearer his
reward than he was twelve months
ago.

Happy greetings to all.

LAWLESSNESS SPREADING

If "Sin is still a reproach to any
people" the year 1911, will be an
everlasting reproach to the Ameri-
can people. Mob outrages of the
most atrocious character have be-
come so common that they attract
no more attention than larceny.
The moral sense of the nation has
become so blunted that it is be-
yond the power of the mob to
commit a crime against the Negroes
that is heinous enough to provoke
a protest from the pulpit or press.
The increase of mob violence and
the growing fiendishness of those
composing the mobs, must not be
taken as evidence that the race
furnishing the victims is becoming
more criminal, for the contrary
is proven. But is proof of the
moral degradation, the down right
depths of depravity to which the
people have sunk who furnish the
units of these mobs.

For a people's life, liberty and
property to be subject to the
caprice of the mob is a most un-
comfortable position; but it is
not altogether a hopeless one.
The people furnishing the mobs
are far more hopeless than those
furnishing the mob's victims, for
the oppressed is always superior
to his oppressor. Superiority is
never brutal or oppressive; it is
honest and merciful.

At Savannah, Tenn., a mob of
white men burned two Negro men
and a woman to death for the
crime of raising cotton in the
community. They were chained
to their wagon load of cotton that
they were hauling to a gin. A
torch was applied and the whole,
mules and all, cremated while the

armed white mob stood by to
prevent any possible chance of
escape. There will be no serious
attempt to punish these depraved
wretches. They will migrate to
the North or West and propagate
their kind. The community that
made them possible will also con-
tinue to propagate its kind. Those
murderers will escape punishment
simply because there will be no
demand for it. The moral tone
of a community and state that
allows such crimes to go unpunished
is exceedingly low.

What can be said of a nation's
sense of justice and fair play that
permits, without even a protest,
the perpetration of such outrages
upon its defenseless citizens?
The law of heredity, that like begets
like, is inexorable.

Who are more hopeless than
white people of South Carolina?
The toleration of mob law is bear-
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mitted annually, the wide-spread
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Mr. Milton W. Lewis delivered an interesting address on Socialism to the literary society Tuesday eve.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stovall, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Kay and Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Warren have had the happiness of their family circles increased by the arrival of daughter at the home of each.

There will be a debate at the literary society of Wesley Chapel next Tuesday evening. Subject: Resolved: That Negroes Should Join the Socialist Party. Affirmative, H. A. Reeves and Clarence Bailey. Negative, Jas. C. Williamson and Lewis K. Beeks.

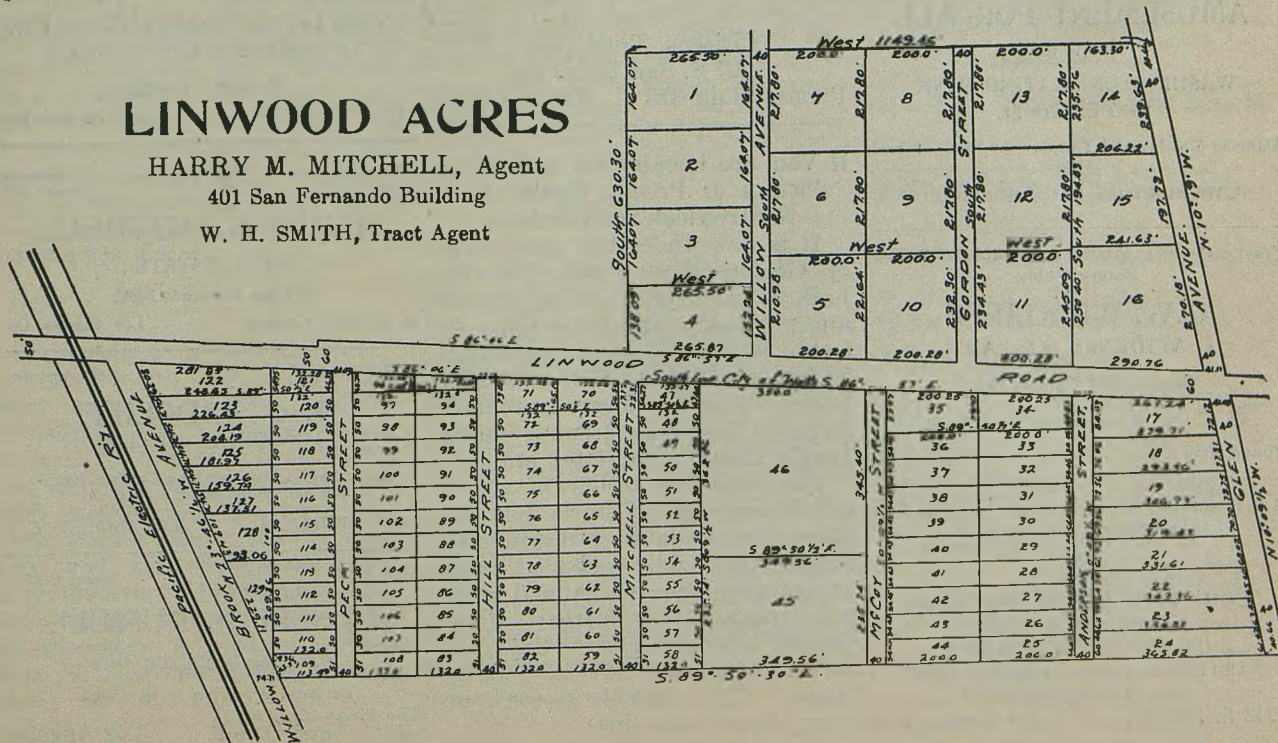
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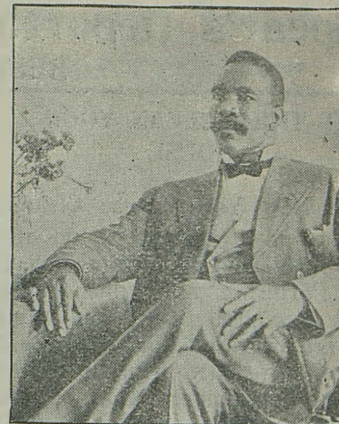
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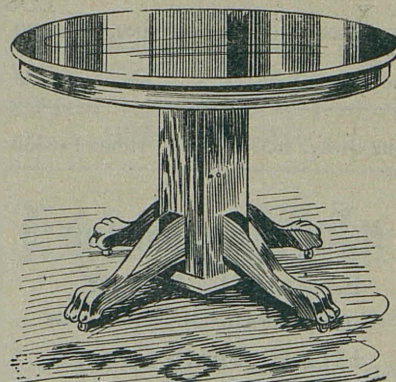
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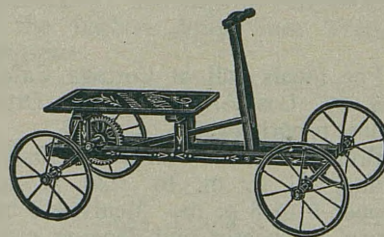
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